

Kremlin TV Reports Raid on Newspaper Office Before Police Show Up

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Immigration police raided the office of Russia's independent investigative newspaper Novaya Gazeta, whose staff first learned of the raid from the government-controlled channel Ren-TV.

Ren-TV is often the first to break news of crackdowns on figures critical of the Kremlin.

Novaya reported on Thursday that its Moscow office was raided by immigration police, noting that Ren-TV ran the segment before authorities even arrived on the scene.

"It's noteworthy that the news came before the inspection itself: the police weren't even in the building at the time," the newspaper [wrote](#).

Novaya staff said that Ren-TV's account of the raid was exaggerated, inflating the number of officers involved.

Both outlets reported that the raid was in connection with an openly gay Uzbek [journalist](#)

employed by Novaya whose asylum request was overturned and who faces deportation while in detention.

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